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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

AKIHIKO TAKEUCHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/057,969

Filed: January 29, 2002

For: IMAGE HEATING APPARATUS) April 30, 2002

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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found at pages 2 and 4 of the specification.

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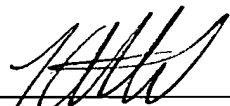
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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